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CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

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Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

Applicant/Sponsor: Biomet Orthopedics, Inc.
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Proprietary Name: Liverpool Radial Head Replacement Device

Common Name: Elbow hemi-prosthesis

Classification Name: Elbow joint radial (hemi-elbow) polymer prosthesis (21 CFR 888.3170)

Legally Marketed Devices to Which Substantial Equivalence Is Claimed: Radial Head Surface Replacement (Implex Corp. K984290), Radial Head Implant (Avanta Orthop., Inc., K002644) and Modular Radial Head (Wright Medical Tech. Inc., K991915)

Device Description: The Biomet Liverpool Radial Head Replacement Device is a one-piece cobalt alloy prosthesis consisting of two regions, the stem and the head. The tapered stem is cemented into the intramedullary canal of the radius. The enlarged head has a highly polished concave surface to articulate with the natural bone of the humerus. Except for the articulating surface, the device is roughened by a MacroBond™ Coating. The device is available in two diameters, 16mm and 18mm. The 16mm device has a 28mm stem length and head heights that vary from 6 to 18mm. The 18mm device has a stem length of 32.76mm and head heights that vary from 14 to 24mm.

Intended Use: The Liverpool Radial Head Replacement Device is intended for:

- 1) Replacement of the radial head for degenerative or post-traumatic disabilities presenting pain, creptation, and decreased motion at the radio-humeral and/or proximal radio-ulnar joint with:
 - a) Joint destruction and/or subluxation visible on x-ray
 - b) Resistance to conservative treatment
 - 2) Primary replacement after fracture of the radial head
 - 3) Symptomatic sequelae after radial head resection
 - 4) Revision following failed radial head arthroplasty
- The device is intended for single use with bone cement.

Summary of Technologies: The technological characteristics (materials, design, sizing, and indications) of the Liverpool Radial Head Replacement Device are similar to or identical to the predicate devices.

Non-Clinical Testing and Clinical Testing: none provided as a basis of substantial equivalence

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Re: K012551

Trade Name: Liverpool Radial Head Replacement Device
Regulation Number: 888.3170
Regulation Name: Elbow joint radial (hemi-elbow) polymer prosthesis
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: KWI
Dated: December 3, 2001
Received: December 4, 2001

Dear Ms. Beres:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

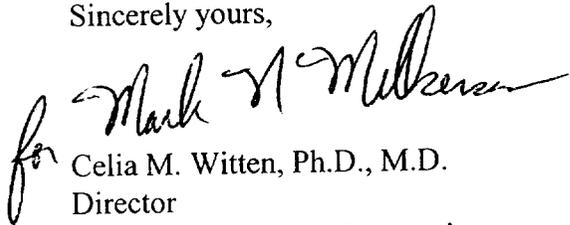
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

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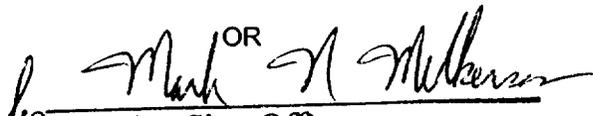
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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

Over-The-Counter Use

(Optional Format 1-2-96)

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(Division Sign-Off)
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